

January 28, 2011

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Request to Donate Three Surplus Buses to the Los Angeles Police Department**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to initiate the process to donate and transfer ownership of three retired/surplus Foothill Transit diesel-powered 1100 series buses to the Los Angeles Police Department, Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Unit for use in training of Law Enforcement Officers.

Background

On November 4, 2010, the Executive Board authorized the Executive Director to reduce the existing bus fleet from 316 to 300 buses by retiring/surplusing the remaining 1100 series Diesel fuel-powered buses.

Immediately following this action, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) initiated a request for the donation of three retired/surplus buses for use in training of Law Enforcement Officers (Attachment A). As part of the request, the LAPD has invited Foothill Transit to participate in public transit related training sessions and exercises.

These donated buses would be used for counter-terrorism/hostage scenario training of LAPD SWAT Officers and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau Deputies, as well as other local law enforcement agencies that regularly train at the Los Angeles Police Academy.

This opportunity to support the local law enforcement community through the donation of retired buses will ultimately benefit Foothill Transit through the knowledge and skills gained by emergency first responders and the agency.

Budget Impact

No significant fiscal impact will be realized from the donation of the three Foothill Transit retired buses.

Sincerely,



Jaime E. Becerra
Director of Safety & Security



Doran J. Barnes
Executive Director

Attachment A

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Dear Mr. Barnes:

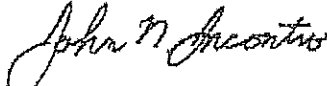
Due to recent international events involving terrorism on mass transit systems, the Los Angeles Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is requesting the donation of three buses from your agency. The buses would enhance the training of our SWAT operators and also allow for testing of certain tactics to further prepare for evolving threats.

In furtherance of preparing Foothill Transit System personnel for law enforcement related incidents, personnel from Foothill Transit will be afforded the opportunity to attend training related to law enforcement response tactics to bus incidents.

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Dan Bunch, SWAT Officer in Charge, or me at (213) 972-2420.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police


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